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June 1, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am doing research on the 1781 issue of the bills of credit issued by the State of Vermont. I wonder if you can suggest any sources. I've checked several books and articles which deal with Colonial and Continental currency, but I haven't found much on the Vermont bills. I've also checked Scott's Counterfeiting in Colonial America, as well as his three articles in the New York Historical Society Quarterly and can find no mention of even counterfeit Vermont bills; although I did find one reference to their being counterfeited, but this was done by a person who worked for Spooner and Greene, the printers.

Most of the material I have been able to find has come from the Vermont Historical Society Proceedings. The issue of bills was small as far as I can gather, but surely there must be some material available in the numismatic area? John Gabarron has promised to send me some things out of the A.N.A. library, but even that source seems to be fairly skimpy concerning the Vermont issue.

If you can suggest any specific references on the Vermont bills I would be most appreciative. I am enclosing an addressed envelope for your reply.

Sincerely,

Ted N. Weissbuch

Ted N. Weissbuch

A.N.A. 24814

June 3,1960

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
181 Riverside Park
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Weissbuch:

In your letter of June 1, 1960 you inquire about information concerning Vermont Colonial paper money. You are certainly right that there is very little on Vermont Colonial paper money and perhaps there is very little to write. My notes show the following material on the subject:

Vermont Paper Money, Historical Magazine, Vol. VII, p. 165 (May, 1863).

Bills of Credit - 1781, Records of the Governor and Council of the State of Vermont, Vol. 3, p.381 (Montpelier, 1875).

Colonial Finances in Vermont, The Numismatist, Vol. 64, No. 12.

With respect to Vermont coinage I have done much personal work, the last item being "A Recently Discovered Coin Solves a Vermont Numismatic Enigma".

We would very much appreciate a copy of your work when you finish it and are glad to help out in connection with your research.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By
Eric P.Newman, President

EPN/atb

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June 17, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Since writing to thank you for your information on the 1781 Vermont currency I have received the Hoober article which appeared in the Numismatist. Quite by accident I ran across reference in the same volume to an article by William A. Philpott, Jr., concerning the Confederate half dollar. I am in the process of revising an article on Confederate finances for Mr. Bradfield, and wonder if you can tell me if you still own the Newcomer-Green specimen, and if either of the other two have turned up in collections? My article makes mention of the four halves, but I did not know that two of them were in collections. I knew only of the one in the A.N.S. collection.

I was slightly dismayed to discover that the Hoober article contained many of the facts that my research had uncovered, but I believe I have some additional information which may make the time I've spent profitable. For instance, Hoober mentioned the mistake in Phillips' description of the bills, but he failed to explain why the error existed. Also, he did not seem to be aware of the earlier Historical Magazine article; nor did he have any of the counterfeiting information. In any event, I'm going to continue with my research.

Since you expressed an interest in the Vermont coinage, I thought you might be interested in examining the enclosed coin from my collection. I have never been able to find out anything definite about it, but have always assumed that it was a Vermon Auctori counterstamped by another State. Perhaps you might be able to supply some information concerning the counterstamp. I doubt if it passed as a shilling.

Again, I want to thank you for your kindness in taking the time to supply information.

Sincerely,

Ted N. Weissbuch

Ted N. Weissbuch

June 21, 1960

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
181 Riverside Park
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr.Weissbuch:

I am returning herewith the unidentifiable coin which you sent me and wish to assure you that it is not Vermont. The counterstamps each show a crown and therefore the piece would not be American.

I am glad I was able to help you on the Vermont material.

As to the article on Confederate finances, I am enclosing complete detail and description of my Confederate half dollar. There are only two known. None of the others have turned up. It would be very important to publish the differences between the genuine ones and the restrikes. Naturally I still own it.

Sordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman,President

EPN/atb

July 8, 1960

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
181 Riverside Park
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Weissbuch:

For your Vermont article, I am enclosing an excerpt from The Diary of William Bentley. He collected coins and paper money and his description of the Vermont paper money, in 1788, is probably the earliest numismatic comment on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman,
President

EPN/atb

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July 13, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

This is to acknowledge your letter of July 8, and the copy of the page from William Bentley's diary which describes the Vermont paper money. Again, I thank you for your helpfulness.

I decided to send out the Vermont manuscript last week. Yesterday I received a note from the editor of Vermont History Magazine; he has accepted for publication my article. Though his acceptance was fast, he has a large backlog of articles. My article, he informed me, will not appear until sometime in 1961, so I am sure that the Bentley information can be inserted. I have requested the editor's permission to allow Mr. Bradfield the privilege of reprinting my paper in the Numismatist if he desires to do so. If for any reason you wish to see the material before next year, I will be happy to send you a carbon copy; otherwise, I will send you a reprint as soon as I can.

My only regret is that I do not have more time to devote to this type of scholarship. You probably are familiar with the types of pressure, the "publish or perish" rat-race, which exists around a university. Anyway, my next little project will be concerned with the Castorland Colony and medal. I probably will not be able to devote much time to the research until October. Preliminary searching has turned up very little outside of the articles in the Index to the Numismatist. May I further impose on your knowledge and ask if you can offer any additional sources for Castorland information?

I hope that I can reciprocate for your kindness. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ted N. Weissbuch

Ted N. Weissbuch

July 19, 1960

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
181 Riverside Park
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Weissbuch:

You asked about Castorland information. This matter has been completely written up in the past. It has nothing to do with coinage and the Castorland medal is a complete fraud on the numismatic public. The dies still exist and they were used in the past, whenever convenient, to sell the medals to the unwary. This is merely my opinion.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By
Eric P. Newman, Secretary

EPN/atb

February 3, 1961

Mr.Ted N. Weissbuch
181 Riverside Park
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Weissbuch:

I read with great interest your article on Vermont's Revolutionary War Finance and can fully appreciate the amount of work which went into this piece of research. I want to congratulate you on it. The only truly inaccurate thing is your comments about me but others will call that to your attention.

Incidentally, your statement that Harmon, with others, struck coins for Connecticut and New Jersey up to 1791 is very speculative. I do not believe it occurred and there is no evidence that it did.

Keep up your writing and please call on me for any further help.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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February 6, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of February 3 concerning my article on Vermont's Revolutionary War finances. I suspect a touch of humor in your objection to my comments about you in the article; however, if you were not being overly modest toward the slight credit I gave you as merely a colonial and Revolutionary expert, than I apologize. You must remember that the Vermont article was written before I received your assistance on my Confederate article. I had seen your name before, but only in connection with Revolutionary matters. Afterwards, through Elmer Nelson of (now) Grand Island, Nebraska, I discovered how varied are your numismatic interests. In any event, I must again thank you for your past kindnesses and hope that I may be allowed to continue bothering you from time to time.

With reference to that Confederate article, Mr. Bradfield has had it for several months. I received all the necessary "permissions to quote," and have hopes of seeing it in print sometime in the not-too-distant future. That article has a long, sad history. In all, I believe Mr. Bradfield has had it for a total of two and a half to three years! I have had it back for additions and revisions three times.

Concerning my remark about Harmon and others striking coins for Connecticut and New Jersey, I tried to point out the speculative nature of the information by prefacing the statement with "it is believed that...". You may recall that I did not originally intend discussing the coinage of Vermont at all, but at the editor's suggestion added a minimum amount of information. The suggestion that Harmon, along with Messrs. Machin, Atlee, etc., did some coining for other states came, as you probably know, from the Kurth introduction to John M. Richardson's article from the Numismatist. I did not have the time -- or inclination -- to follow through with a time-consuming search on this point; again, this is why I added the statement mentioned above.

At your suggestion, I have laid aside the Castorland work I had contemplated. Your letter last year spoke of the "fraudulent" aspects of these coins, and I am inclined to agree with you. However, at some future time, I hope to continue my research into the colony itself. I have at least two other long-term projects underway: a work on the Hungarian rebel Kossuth's visit to the U. S. in the 1850's, and some research on the Bryan money. On the latter, I very stupidly passed up a great number of the Bryan pieces when I was teaching at the University of Nebraska. In fact, one of the

other women teaching in the English Dept. there used one of the large "dollars" as a paperweight. She told me that she'd grown up with the Bryan children and had many interesting anecdotes to relate. Just recently, I have become interested in Bryan and have managed to pick up a couple of the pieces listed in Zerbe. I have run across many other pieces, but have discovered that the prices asked for them are beyond my reach. I have also asked several friends in Nebraska who have Bryan material to send me rubbings. So far, I believe I have located at least four unlisted pieces, possibly more. I mention this because I think that perhaps you might have some information on Bryan? The pieces I picked up were gotten by swaps with other collectors; the dealers I have written to ask exhorbitant prices for these pieces. If you do have any in your collection, either listed or unlisted, I would certainly be interested in hearing about them. I am even having great difficulty in locating a copy of the Zerbe Numismatist number. Two numismatic book dealers have written negative replies to my request for a copy. Hope that I'll be able to hold onto the ANA library copy a little longer, but John Gabarron has already written me and he's becoming more nervous.

Sorry to have rambled on like this; and I hope that you will forgive my messy typing. Our cold weather has had effect not only on my hands, but also on my typewriter. It's sooooo cold, it dosen't always want to move. Again, thank you for your very thoughtful letter.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Ted N. Weissbuch

Ted N. Weissbuch

April 28, 1961

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
181 Riverside Park
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Ted:

I read with much interest your article in the Numismatist, "The Confederate States of America - Its Money Problem". It is written in a very interesting manner and I know it will be enjoyed by many.

Since it will be published in installments, I believe some sort of correction should be made with respect to your comments about the third of the original Confederate Half Dollars. No report of the weight of this coin has ever been made available nor has any picture of it. The two men who were supposed to have authenticated it are both dead and had supposedly authenticated it by handwritten letters (indicating that no carbon copy was kept in their file). The handwritten letters were stolen with the coin, according to the story.

I believe that you are misleading the reader by not pointing out that there is no confirmation as to the facts with respect to this coin. I wrote the party requesting information and did not receive an answer.

There have been many stories in the past as to the discovery of Confederate Half Dollars and I believe it should be pointed out that verification must be obtained before these articles can be accepted.

Keep up the good work.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA IOWA CITY

THE COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS PROGRAM

Memo

May 1, 1961

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter, which arrived today. As you can see by the enclosed, I've lost no time in making the correction which you so kindly suggested. I hope Brad. can include the material with the rest of the article. No apology on my part: just a case of not retaining the necessary, scientific objectivity required in our SCIENCE.

Sincerely,

Ted N. Weissbuch

Ted N. Weissbuch

May 1, 1961

Dear Mr. Bradfield:

My copy of the Numismatist with the first part of the Confederate article arrived the other day and I want to thank you for the fine editing job and the excellent illustrations.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I received from Eric Newman today and also a brief addition which I hope you can tack on to the material remaining to be published. His point concerning the authenticity of the stolen half dollar is a good one; I have run across other "discoveries" of Confederate half dollars which lack the same sort of authoritative verification.

I hope you received the offprint which I mailed to you last week? If not, I will be glad to send you another one; the editor discovered that the printer had made an error and run off an extra 150 copies of the offprint, and he sent them on to me. (Either feast or famine!) I do hope that I will be able to obtain copies of the Confederate article. If you recall, the publishing houses which granted the permissions to quote -- and Dr. Hendrick -- were promised copies. I have also asked John Gabarron to remind you about the Vermont History copy, which I would like to donate to the A.N.A. Library. Dr. Wild has expressed a desire to reprint the Vermont piece, so it may be necessary to write the Vermont editor again and ask him if he will grant the same reprint privilege as he extended to the Numismatist. I assume that since you do not wish to use the article you have no objections to this arrangement.

Again, thank you for your fine editing. It's been a long time; but it's been worth the wait! My only regret is that it was not possible for you to use the revised biographical material -- but this is merely a matter of vanity, and does not detract in any way from the fine appearance you've given my paper.

With kindest regards, and hopes that you will be able to add the enclosed material, I am,

Sincerely,

Ted N. Weissbuch

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA IOWA CITY

THE COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS PROGRAM

Memo

May 6, 1961

Just a brief note to let you know that I received your letter this afternoon with the suggested revisions to the addition to the Confederate article. I have sent the copy on to Brad. and hope that he will be able to use it.

In my rush to get off a rapid answer to your last letter, I believe I forgot to include a carbon of the letter I sent Bradfield; you will find it enclosed.

Also, I wonder if you have any information on the notes issued by Robert Morris and called "Morris notes"; they were issued in denominations of 25, 50, and 80 dollars and circulated about 1782? I have run across a rather tantalizing reference to the notes, but can find no further information. I also discovered that they were popularly known as "Long Bobs" or "Short Bobs," depending upon how long they ran. Sound familiar?

Again, thanks for the steady hand. I'll look up your Coin World article at the first opportunity.

Sincerely,

Ted Weissbuch

May 4, 1961

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Weissbuch:

If you do not mind, I am enclosing your draft of additions to the Confederate article with certain changes which I have made for clarification. I did not know whether you had sent in the changes or not but, in any event, he will let you substitute the new draft if you wish.

It was nice of you to follow my suggestions so quickly.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Ted N. Weissbuch ADDITION TO CONFEDERATE ARTICLE

Parenthetically, the writer would like to clarify a point which could easily develop into a misunderstanding concerning the stolen half dollar which was described by its owner as one of the four originals. There have been many "original" Confederate half dollars uncovered over the years. After careful verification by experts most of these have turned out to be Scott restrikes or casts. The two known originals, owned by the American Numismatic Society and Mr. Eric P. Newman, weigh ~~190 1/2~~ 191 3/4 grains and ~~191 3/4~~ 190 1/2 grains respectively. All of the Scott restrikes weigh ~~approximately~~ at least five and one-half grains less. Also, the originals have perfect edge milling while the restrikes had their edges crushed when they were forced against a smooth collar by the pressure of the screw press used by Scott. While the originals have perfect fields on their obverses, the restrikes show strained and rippled obverses, caused by pressure when they were struck -- or restruck. The restrikes also show lumps caused by rust on the Confederate reverse and often tool marks caused by the tool used in smoothing the reverse of the regular U.S. issues which Scott used.

Mr. Newman has also called to the attention of the writer that the stolen coin in question was stated by the owner to have been verified as [redacted] authentic by two dealers, both of whom are no longer living. Since their letters were both written in longhand, no carbon copies exist in their files; these letters were also alleged to have been stolen at the time of the burglary. When the theft was reported Mr. Newman ~~has written to~~ wrote the owner [redacted] requesting the weight, photographs and other pertinent facts, but no answer has as yet been received. ~~[redacted]~~ For additional comment on the many Confederate "originals" see W.A. Philpott, Jr., "More About the Confederate Half Dollar," in the January, 1951 issue of the Numismastist; and an article by Eric P. Newman, [redacted] in the March 23, 1941 [illegible]

May 16, 1961

Mr. Ted Weissbuch
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Ted:

I was very delighted to have your note of May 6, 1961 with respect to the Robert Morris notes. I have some information on those notes but certainly it is an excellent research project for you. I have a notion that if you dig in the National Archives, or have them dig for you, you can turn up some of the original notes and some of the data with respect to them.

As soon as I get a chance I will look through my files for the information I have on them.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 19, 1961

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
181 Riverside Park
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Ted:

I just located the reference to the financing of Robert Morris with specie notes and suggest you check it. Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin Economics, Political, Science and History Series, Vol. 1, No. 2, pages 117 to 273, entitled "The Finances of the United States from 1775 to 1789 with a special reference to the budget, by Charles J. Bullock. This was published by the University of Wisconsin in June, 1895. I am sure I have more on the subject if it dawns upon me where the source is.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

June 5, 1961

Mr. Elston Bradfield
P.O.Box 3491
Chicago 54, Illinois

Dear Elston:

For my files, would you be kind enough to send me two extra copies of the May and June, 1961 NUMISMATIST in view of the fact that I helped Ted Weissbuch with his article.

Naturally, I would like to have the extra copies of the June issue because the 1804 Dollar comment will give rise to a mild explosion.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
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The Communication Skills Program

June 15, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I apologize for not answering your last two letters, but I have been kept exceptionally busy with end-of-semester chores, such as final reports, grading, and such. I do want to thank you, though, for the suggestions concerning the Robert Morris notes. For the time being, I'll have to set this little project aside. The library here discovered four folders of Confederate notes which someone had donated to the university about fifty years ago. Unfortunately, they are glued to cardboards, and I'm in the process of steaming them off and attributing them. I hope that they will agree to putting them on display in the library's Special Collections Room.

Although Brad didn't make all of the changes suggested, I hope that you were satisfied with the note which appeared at the end of my Confederate article? In order to fit it in, I'm afraid he chopped a bit from the body of the article. I'm still receiving complimentary mail, including several requests for reprints. I find this very satisfying.

Before I forget, back to Morris for a moment. If you haven't seen it yet, I would strongly urge you to look at a new book, Elmer J. Ferguson, The Power of the Purse: A History of American Public Finance, 1776-1790. It came out a couple of months ago, and has some information on the Morris notes. This is one of the few favorable accounts of colonial finances that I've seen; it covers the period up to Hamilton's funding program and is worth looking at.

I've had very little luck with the National Archives. For financial reasons, I can't take the trip to Washington, and wonder if you are familiar with any of the librarians there who would be cooperative, or at least sympathetic, to requests for information on the Morris notes?

Actually, I will have little time in the immediate future to work on this project. I intend devoting the next month and a half to work on my dissertation, which has been neglected of late; however, I do hope to work on Morris as soon as time allows. I finished my Castorland Settlement "project" about four weeks ago and sent it off to G. David Bowers, who wanted to see it for possible publication in his Review.

One other little project which might turn into something big is an offer from John Willem, who wrote the book on the Trade dollars, to collaborate on a history of minting operations in the United States. I wrote him that I was interested, but would have to wait until next year, when I hope to have completed my dissertation. He seemed agreeable to this, so it looks like I'll have something to keep me occupied when I leave Iowa.

Sorry to have rambled on like this. Again, I apologize for being so slow in answering your letters. I'll look forward to hearing from you about the Morris note information.

Sincerely,

Ted N. Weissbuch

June 20, 1961

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Weissbuch:

Two quick thoughts. I have ordered a copy of Elmer J. Ferguson's "The Power of the Purse". Thank you for calling it to my attention.

I noticed that Walter Thompson wrote an article on Robert Morris which is mentioned in the library acquisitions of the A.N.A. If you can find out in what magazine it was published I probably have it in my library but I cannot locate it for the moment.

John Willem is a good friend of mine and discussed with me the prospect of writing a history of the mint. This is an enormous project and will require loads of digging in Washington. He doesn't have time to do the work and very much needs a collaborator.

Keep up your good work.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA IOWA CITY

THE COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS PROGRAM

Memo

June 22, 1961

A rapid, brief answer to your note, which arrived today. First, I noticed the reference to Walter Thompson's Morris article in the May issue and sent off a request to John Gabarron. I assume that someone has it out, since it hasn't arrived yet. He did send the 1915 volume, which contained a short piece on the Bank of North America -- and Morris; however, there was nothing helpful in the article.

I'm pleased that you know John Willem and that you have high regard for him. Our correspondence has been very pleasant, and I have great admiration for his work. He informed me that he might find it possible for him to take off six months and devote the time exlusively to work on the book. I assume that he intends working in Washington. As I mentioned, I have had poor luck with the Archives; again, are you familiar with anyone there who might be interested in answering questions regarding the Morris notes?

I will look forward to hearing your reactions to the Ferguson book.

Sincerely,

Ted

Ted N. Weissbuch

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC
COLLEGE
Kellogg-Voorhis Campus
Pomona, California

April 28, 1964

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Today I received such a glowing account of your recent visit with Dick Hoober, that I thought I would write to renew our acquaintance. The last two years have been busy ones for me, and I fear that I have not given as much of my time to numismatic study as I would have liked. But now that I am familiar with my duties at Cal Poly, I hope to return to some of the projects I began at the University of Iowa.

One of these projects, which I've been dusting off recently, is a study of the numismatic items (tokens, scrip, medals, etc.) associated with the Hungarian revolutionist Louis Kossuth and his visit to the United States in the 1850's. I wonder if that massive Newman file contains any sources or information which I might have overlooked? A few years ago, I corresponded with an old gentleman in New York, Charles Z. Mihalyi; he had a wealth of information concerning Kossuth and the numismatic items associated with his visit. Since that time, there has been an attempt at a listing; it appeared in the March 15, 1963 issue of Coin World.

I have not yet decided what form my work will take, but if you can suggest sources, I would be very grateful. With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Ted

Ted N. Weissbuch

May 19½ 1964

Mr. Ted N. Weissbuch
California State Polytechnic College
Kellogg-Voorhis Campus
Pomona, California

Dear Ted:

It was wonderful, hearing from you, recently, and I find I cannot help you on the Hugarian Fund matter. I am enclosing a photocopy of a $50 note which I have in my collection. I also have a sheet of the lower denominations.

You may be interested in knowing that at my daughter's wedding, I spoke of you with your cousins, Mr. and Mrs.Weissbuch, of New York, who are good friends of my daughter's new family. They were nice enough to come out to St. Louis for the festivities.

In any event, I am glad to have your new address and look forward to hearing from you at any time you think I might be helpful.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC
COLLEGE
Kellogg-Voorhis Campus
Pomona, California

July 9, 1964

Mr. Eric M wman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I apologize for the long delay in answering your last note. In the interim, I made a rushed trip back to Iowa to take care of the last technicalities dealing with my doctorate. Now that is finally out of my way, and I hope I can get in some of that research I mentioned in my last note.

The cousins you mentioned in your letter are ones I have never met. It was just last summer that I met a second cousin -- from Florida -- who has tried to keep track of the Weisbuch clan. I dropped him a note and he identified the Weisbuch (they use one "s" he informed me) you mentioned.

My thanks for the Hungarian-Kossuth note copy. I had hoped that you might have information on the many Kossuth tokens struck in the nineteenth century, but there seems to be no thorough listing or source for that information.

After I complete the Kossuth study, I intend returning to the work I began on Spencer Clark and the fractional currency fiasco. I believe I've found some very interesting material concerning his activities.

Again, my thanks for your assistance. With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Ted

Ted Weisbuch

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 23, 1968

Mr. A. M. Kagin
Kagin Numismatic Education Foundation
400 Royal Union Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Art:

A possibility of an academically trained person in numismatics might be Ted N. Weissbuch. He formerly taught at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, and I believe he is now at the California State Polytechnic College, Kellogg-Voorhis Campus, Pomona, California.

I know nothing of his availability but he is the kind of man you are probably looking for.

I hope the foregoing is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb